### DR. LORENZ HAS A BUSY DAY

OPERATES, ATTENDS A DINNER, AND MAKES A SPEECH.

Tells Gulld for Crippled Children How Much Better American Hospitals Are Sees the East Side in an Auto obile-At Dinner at the Yale Club.

Dr. Lorenz spent a day pretty much in the New York style yesterday, and the idea of it seemed to stick by him while he was at his professional work, for he mentioned the New York gait while he was at a clinic with a good deal of feeling.

Early in the morning he had a view of the lower part of the city's East Side from an automobile. Later he saw private patients. In the afternoon he operated or our patients at a public clinic which lasted until nearly 6 o'clock. Then he dined with friends at the Yale Club, and in the evening he addressed the first annual meeting of Auxiliary No. 2 of the Guild for Crippled Children of the Poor of New York at Tuxedo Hall. There, again, he had a word to say of New York's ability to

keep him busy. Mrs. Daniel P. Hays presided at the Guild meeting, with Dr. Lorenz sitting at her right hand. She read a report of the organization's work, in which she said among other things that Nathan Straus was to be thanked for furnishing milk for the Guild's wards during the summer. The Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, one of the speakers who preceded Dr. Lorenz, in telling of his work in helping to organize the branch, declared that "knowing I was to meet ladies, I was certain of success from the beginning." After a pause there was an outburst of laughter which seemed

o puzzle the doctor. Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, who was called upon to cooperate with the president in presenting Dr. Lorenz, did his part in these

I am only too glad to act as manager for so great a friend of cripples throughout the world as my friend, Dr. Lorenz." No applause at his clinics has exceeded the greeting which the women and the men with them gave Dr. Lorenz when he arose to respond. When he could be heard he said:

Will you believe me when I say that I could not find a minute's time to prepare a speech? And will you pardon me if you should find

not find a minute's time to prepare a stand and will you pardon me if you should find me a speaker somewhat inferior to some you have heard this evening?

You do not know how mooch—how much—the doctor himself led the laughter that his correction of himself started]—you do not know hom much I appreciate the honor of your invitation to be with you this evening. I do not know enough English to express my gratitude in appropriate language. Among the great impressions I have received in this wonderful country, the most important is of the works of charity done here, and especially in this city. Nowhere in the world have I seen such hospitals as in this country. Nowhere else in the world are to be found hospitals especially equipped for the care and cure and treatment and education of crippled children.

children.

I can't help feeling injured when I see now easy the hard work of the orthopedic surgeons is made by the generous contributions of the charitable people here and the hospital equipment which they make possible. But you are no tsatisfied with this. You add training schools for the children I am sorry to confess that we in our country have nearly nothing in the way of hospitals for the ruptured and e-ippled or in the way of schools for crippled children. And you may imagine under what difficulties I have to carry on my work at home. carry on my work at home

At the conclusion of Dr. Lorenz's short speech, a young woman brought forward and presented to him a bouquet. The tall and gallant doctor bowed low and kissed her hand, whereupon there was more ap-

Dr. Lorenz's public clinic yesterday was held at Cornell University Medical Colheld at Cornell University Medical College, where the Vienna surgeon took charge of Dr. Newton M. Shaffer's regular clinic. Dr. Lorenz was introduced by Dr. William M. Polk, dean of the college. Dr. Jacob G. Schurman, president of Cornell University, attended the clinic, and had a front seat beside the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford. Dr. Lorenz calls his treatment of dislocation of the hip and of clubfoot his functional weight-bearing method, referring to his scheme of having the leg or foot bear the weight of the body while carrying out its ordinary functions during the time of fixation of the limb in the plaster the time of fixation of the limb in the plaster

"To demonstrate my functional weight bearing method," he said in opening his clinic, "I have selected three or four cases from some forty which were presented to me. It seems they abound in New York."

As he proceeded with the first case, one of unilateral dislocation of the hip, he resinted out that the abdustor muscles of unliateral dislocation of the hip, he pointed out that the abductor muscles of this patient offered extreme resistance, and, as he began to pound them with his hand and then run the edge of his hand across them with the motion of a saw, he observed: "You will notice that I use my hand like the blunt blade of a knife." my hand like the blunt blade of a knife."

And doing so, he finally destroyed the resistance of these powerful muscles. The child, Loretta Faltanghi, is 8 years old and her case gave him much difficulty. "It may happen in this case that the femur head breaks," he said; "this case should have been the last one and not the first one."

But there was no accident, and although the acetabulum was found to be shallow, the dislocation was reduced. the dislocation was round to be shallow, the dislocation was reduced.

After the patient was in plaster Dr. Lorenz paid a compliment to an operation that was performed here nearly two years ago by Dr. L. W. Ely. He had looked at that patient yesterday morning, he said, and had mistaken the good side of the patient for the side which had been operated upon. The functional results were perfect, he said. But the X-ray photograph, he said, should disclose the side which was operated upon.

The second case, a girl of 4 years, was less troublesome. With the third case came a great surprise, which offended Dr. Lorenz greatly. The patient, Annie Feinbloom, 5 years old, presented a dirty foot for the surgeon to handle. The doctor drew back for a moment. Then he pointed to the leg, which was only less dirty than the foot, and exclaimed: "It is a shame."

the foot, and exclaimed: "It is a shame."

This child's hip joint was reduced in a minute and a half. When the fourth child.

minute and a half. When the fourth child, Annie Roth, 4½ years old, was brought in as dirty as her predecessor, Dr. Lorenz did not have to speak. His looks were eloquent. So were Dr Shaffer's, as he ordered the nurses on the operating floor to wash the child then and there.

The Roth child presented a very severe case of double clubfoot. One foot was so twisted that the child rested on the end of the leg bone where it enlarges to form the cuter side of the ankle. The other foot was so far turned about that it pointed fifteen degrees behind the opposite heel. Dr. Lorenz said that it was the most difficult case in a child of her years that he hadever seen. He went at one foot and Dr. Mueller worked upon the other.

The skin of the foot on which Dr. Mueller was working parted at one point, but there

The skin of the foot on which Dr. Mueller was working parted at one point, but there was scarcely any bleeding.

"That happens once in 100 or once in 200 times," said Dr. Lorenz, "in such bad cases. It can be avoided by dividing the operation into two sessions. But of course in New York one is always in a hurry."

There was entlusiastic applause when, after the two surgeons had finished their work, the little girl who had been so deformed was stood upon her feet, each foot resting flat upon the operating table

### SEEKING CAUSE OF TYPHOID.

Health Board Analyzing Bay Side Food-Milk or Oysters May Be to Blame.

Although it has mastered the outbreak of typhoid fever in Bay Side, Queens borough, the Department of Health is making a house-to-house search for the cause that made the disease practically epidemic The water, milk, ice, sea food and fresh rose water, milk, ice, sea food and fresh rosetables in households are bei ganalyzed. It is thought that the milk may be to blame. "While there is no absolute proof against any one man," a health officer said, "yet there is a milk dealer who could be held responsible on circumstantial evidence, if this were a criminal matter."

Many believe the oysters taken from the

MAGOUN ESTATE FIGHTS BILL For Clothes Bought by Mrs. Kinsley Ms

The estate of Kinsley Magoun, the banker, who died on July 8, 1898, is being sued in the Supreme Court by Mrs. Mary M. Macheret, a dressmaker of 34 East Twenty-third street, for \$2,460, allleged to be due for wearing apparel furnished to Mrs. Jessle N. Torrence Magoun, the banker's wife and daughter of the late Gen.

Just before Mrs. Magoun sailed for Europe a few days ago he was examined before Referee Harlan . Stone as a witness for the plaintiff. The dressmaker's bill was disputed by George B. Magoun, administrator of the estate, who died last Monday night.

Mrs. Macheret says that between April and December, 1897, she made eleven dresses, some waists and a cloak, the value of which exceeded \$2,000, for Mrs. Magoun Immediately after the dresses were made Mr. and Mrs. Magoun went to Europe, and did not return until shortly before Mr. Magoun's death.

Mrs. Magoun was questioned as to the manner in which she and her husband lived. They were married in 1894 and resided in summer for a time at Westbury. L. I., where they kept a large establishment and a stable of hunters and polo ponies In winter they occupied their Fifth avenue home. She said that before they left for Europe in 1897 Mr. Magoun told her to order whatever dresses she wanted, and that it would be "all right."

#### CATTLE EXPORTED HEALTHY. England Satisfied With Precautions to Stamp Out Disease.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Dec. 18.-Dr. Wray, a veterinary surgeon, who represents the United States Agricultural Department at the Deptford cattle depot, told THE SUN correspondent to-day that since the prohibition of the importation of cattle from the New England States the British officials had not found even a suspicious case among American cattle, and that they were perfectly satisfied with the precautions taken

by the American Government to stamp out the foot and mouth disease. Dr. Wray added that he believed that if the outbreak had occurred in any other country but America the British Board of Agriculture would have placed an embarge on the whole country, but it was satisfied with the American precautions and was convinced that they are promptly and thoroughly enforced.

Dr. Wray was confident that the prohibition would have little effect on the total of American exports to England, which are heavy this week, there being due to arrive 3.348 cattle and 2.445 sheep.

#### MISSING YACHTSMEN SAFE. Hawley and Hornung Arrive at Gibraltar in the Titania.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Paris, Dec. 18.—Two Americans, F. W. Hawley, a New York yachtsman, and Dr. Hornung, a dentist in Paris, left Cherbourg on Dec. 7 aboard Baron Dorlodot's yacht Titania. It was expected that they would report from Brest or Bordeaux, but nothing was heard from them and great anxiety

was felt as to their safety. Mrs. Hawley and Mrs. Hornung called at the American Consulate every day looking for information. Mr. Gowdy, the American Consul-General, cabled to all ports where the yacht would be likely to stop asking for news of the vessel. He received a despatch this afternoon from Gibraltar announcing its arrival at that port.

#### HEARING ON MAY YOHE'S CLAIM To Be Had in New York, the Case to Be Disposed of Before Jan. 26.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Dec. 18 .- In the Court of King's Bench to-day the solicitor for May Yohe made application to Justice Wright that his client and her American lawyer might be examined under a commission in New York. in connection with her claim for £9.187 tos. against the estate of her former husband. Lord Francis Hope.

Justice Wright granted the application subject to the deposit of £100 security. He also ordered that the matter be peremptorily disposed of not later than

## CAN'T MOVE WARSHIP.

9-Inch Steel Cables Broke in Trying to Float the Wittelsbach.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. COPENHAGEN. Dec. 18.-The warships Kaiser Wilhelm and Prins Heinrich have made three attempts to float the German warship Wittelsbach, which grounded during a fog near Halskay Odde, Zealand. They used 9-inch steel cables, but thes

broke when the strain was put on them. and the Wittelsbach was not budged. After discharging 600 tons of coal and 200 tons of ammunition, the stranded vessel rose ten inches, but is still fast. She is

### OXYGEN, CHEAP. Marconi, It's Said, Finds a Way to Get It

"at Triffing Expense." Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN ROME, Dec. 18.-It is reported that Signor Marconi, during his recent residence at Bologna, while pursuing his electrical researches, discovered almost accidentally a means of getting pure oxygen from the

### air at a triffing expense. MME. HUMBERT'S BROTHER Said to Have Been Found by French De-

tectives at Funchal, Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
FUNCHAL, Dec 18.—It is said that French detectives discovered Romain d'Aurignac, a brother of Mme. Humbert, who is wanted in France for complicity in the notorious swindles in connection with the Crawford millions, here just as he was about to em-bark for Las Palmas.

### Austrian Minister of War Resigns.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Dec. 18.-Gen. Baron von Krieghammer, Minister of War, has resigned.

### For Children With Trachoma.

The old Gouverneur Hospital building was opened on Tuesday for the treatment of schoolchildren suffering from trachoma and other diseases of the eye. From 250 to 300 little patients are being treated every day at the institution.

Col. Robert G. Smith of the Fourth Regi-Col. Robert G. Smith of the Fourth Regi-ment, National Guard of New Jersey, who is president of the Jersey City Street and Water Board, and Mrs. Frances Cairns Smith were quietly married on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride in 108th street, near West End avenue, Manhattan. The cere-mony was performed by the Rev. S. De Lan-cey Townsend of the Church of All Angels.

Blackburn-Parker. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-Representative Edwashington, Dec. 18.—Representative Edmond Spencer Blackburn of the Eighth North Carolina district and Miss Louise Le Vaun Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Parker of this city, were married at the bride's residence at noon to-day, the Rev. Dr. Pierce of All Souis Church performing the ceremony. Speaker Henderson and many members of the House were present at the reception which followed the wedding breakfast.

### DOUBLE THE ATRICAL OFFERING

WHEN THE WORLD WAS YOUNG -NEW BURLESQUE OUT, TOO.

Sotable Production at the Princess Theatre -One Not So Notable at Weber & Fields's, but Fay Templeton Has a New Song-Students' Matinee at Empire.

After many disheartening delays, "Heidelperg; or, When All the World Was Young' vas presented at the Princess Theatre last night before an audience that liked Aubrey Boucicault's adaptation from Wilhelm Meyer-Förster's "Alt Heidelberg" ▼ery much. In German this picturesque and inpretentious little play has had an unsually prosperous reception at Mr. Heinrich Conried's Irving Place Theatre. It is even said that there has been some managerial sparring over the possession of the student corps that made things so lively in the German performances.

A rather free paraphrase is the English translation. Mr. Boucicault has laid stress on the love episodes, and with Charles Kingsley's pretty ringing lines in his mind has so shaped the piece. The actor would have us imagine a sort of Teutonic Aiglon, a princeling guileless of the great world's intrigues, a big-hearted lad who loves the first matchen he happens to meet, a good friend and a gallant gentleman.

The opening scene reveals these traits of Karl Heinrich, hereditary Prince of Lachsen-Karlsberg. He is sent to the University of Heidelberg with his tutor, Dr. Juttner, and there in Act II. the real action begins. He soon falls in love with Kathie, the niece of his landlady, Frau Ruder, and, of course, their true love does not sail on even keel. Karl's uncle dies; he is become reigning prince, and there follows a tearful time of farewells and solemn, sentimental asseverations. He can-not, as a sprig of royalty, marry his sweetheart—he does not hint at morganatic pos-sibilities—but he does the next best thing ne promises never, never to love the lady that political exigency forces him to wed. All of which must have been pleasant for

the future princess.

The difference between "Alt Heidelberg" and "When All the World Was Young" is the difference that exists between imported the difference that exists between imported and domestic beer. If your palate is not attuned to the more delicate shades of degustation, then the home-made brew will suffice; but if you have acquired a taste, whether by residence on the "coast of Bohemia," or by visits to East Fourteenth street, for the foreign product, then domestic bliss is no longer obtainable at five cents a glass. The parable is plain, we hope!

we hope!

The transposition of scenes in the translation kill all sense of time perspective. Things are always about to happen or they have happened; they really happen with singular paucity. This is to be regretted, for the little that Mr. Boucicault has to do he does well, though he is more sentimental than even the original demands—and let it be said that the original bears about as much resemblance to life at Heidelberg as does an Arabian Nights entertainment. Mr. Boucicault was a handsome prince and wore his various garbs and uniforms effectively. He received much applause.

delved much applause.

M.z Freeman, an old New York favorite, infi el local color infi

Max Freeman, an old New York favorite, infigured local color into the production as in tutor, Dr. Jutner. His make-up was combination of Beethoven and the lete Seidl. His piano playing was Minnie Dupree was the Kathie.

Cook, in a character part, and how Selten as the Prime Minister were well cast. Robert Loraine headed the students. But there was not enough beer even the Great Dane dog that followed Mr. Boucicault about in the first act begged for beer with his eyes. He knew. He had been in old Heidelberg.

#### WEBER & FIELDS DULL FOR ONCE. Only One Good Mile in the New Burlesque -P. Dalley Captures That.

The new parody at Weber & Fields's last night was almost a midnight séance. Mr. Clyde Fitch, in a stage box, almost fell asleep four times before the curtain rang finally on the S. S. "Pneumonia up inally on the S. S. 'Preumonia'.

But "The Stickiness of Gelatine" proved stubbornly gelatinous. There was only one good line in the burlesque. Peter Daily, Esq., spoke it. It must have been raffled for before the performance. Last night's audience will easily recall it this morning. It raised an unmistakable

morning. It raised an unmistakable Joe Weber was funny as a German governess and P. Dailey as usual gave wholesale pleasure when he walked. Lew Fields fought hard with his lines and Fay

Templeton captured her auditory with a new song, "I Never Loved a Man as Much as That." The ship was wonderful; the jokes re-lating to seasickness of a charming re-

#### LONG DRAMATIC SCHOOL BILL Meritorious Performance by the Students at the Empire Theatre.

The students of the Empire Theatre Dramatic School gave their fourth performance yesterday afternoon at the Empire Theatre. The programme offered was a long and varied one: "Journeys End in Lovers Meeting," by Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes) and familiar through Ellen Terry's production of it by the way, why is George Moore's name always absent on the bill? He contributed a major part in the manufacturing of this very artificial "proverb"); a first performance of "The Deserter," a problem play in one act by Arthur Hornblow, easily the best and most applauded effort of the afternoon; "The Twilight of the Gods," by Edith Wharton; "The Picture in the Frame," by Louise Meigs Green;" and "Two Is Company," by Florence Wilkinson.

The general average of performance was meritorious. There was a large attendance. formance yesterday afternoon at the Emnot leaking, and is apparently not damaged

### ACTRESS'S RINGS MISSING.

They Were Stolen From Her Room in the Glisey House, Maude Hoffman Says.

When Maude Hoffman, leading woman in Richard Mansfield's company, returned from the theatre to her room at the Gilsey House on Wednesday night she discovered that four rings had been stolen from her jewel case, Other jewelry in the case, she says, was left there. The hotel detective has a description of the rings and is trying to recover them. One is a solitaire diamond.

### SOPH SHOW AT COLUMBIA

Attended by Many Friends and Admiring Relatives, Who Found It Pleasing.

The Columbia sophomores presented their annual show in the Carnegie Lyceum their annual show in the Carnegie Lyceum last night before an admiring audience of relatives and friends of the youthful actors. "A Glimpse of Paradise," by Joseph Dilley, was presented. Lewis Spence, as Adolphus Dore, a rather ursuccessful poet, was voted the best actor in the play. Chalmers Wood Jr., did well as Miss Euphemia Speckley, a simpering old maid. There are to be other performances to-night and to-morrow and a matinée to-morrow.

Frohman Stage Manager Gone Away III Joe Humphreys, general stage manager for Charles Frohman, went to Arizona yesterday to spend six months on a ranch for the benefit of his health. He will stop over at Washington for a few days to attend to business there for Mr. Frohman. While Humphreys is away his work will be done by W. W. Seymour.

Death of Frederick C. Wolf.

Frederick C. Wolf of 201 East Seventyfirst street, a member of the firm of F. & J. C. Wolf, manufacturers of decorated glass, died yesterday in his forty-sixth year. The firm to which he belonged did much of the decorating work in the rotunda of the Capitol at Albany.

GEN. WAGER SWAYNE DEAD. To Be Buried as He Wished in the Nationa Cemetery at Arlington

Gen. Wager Swayne, who was head of the law firm of Swayne, Swayne, Morris & Fay, died yesterday afternoon at his home in the Hotel Renaissance in West Forty-third street, after an illness of about two weeks. Diabetes and heart trouble were the cause of death. He was 68 years old. His illness was not considered seri-ous until last Monday. All the family were with him except his son, Wager Swayne, who is in Paris, and his daughter Mrs. Harold Lomes, who is travelling in Mrs. Harold Lomas, who is travelling in

Mexico. Gen. Swayne was the son of Noah H. Swayne, who was appointed a Justice of the United States Supreme Court by Presi-dent Lincoln. His ancestors came from old Quaker stock and settled near Phila-delphia. Wager Swayne was born in Co-lumbus, Ohio, on Nov. 10, 1834, was gradu-ated from Yale College in the class of 1856 and three years later took a law degree from the Cincinnati Law School. He practised his profession in Columbus until the outthe Cincinnati Law School. He practised his profession in Columbus until the out-break of the Civil War when, in August, 1861, he was appointed Major in the Forty-third Ohio.

third Ohio.

He became a Colonel the following year and served in the marches and battles of the Atlanta campaign, losing a leg at Salkahatchie, S. C. He was breveted Brigadier-General of the United States Volunteers in February, 1885; a month later he became full Brigadier and in June of the same year a Major-General. He became Colonel of the Forty-fifth Regular Infantry in July, 1886, and in March, 1867, was breveted Brigadier-General, U. S. A., for galantry in action at Rivers Bridges, S. C., and Major-General for services during the war. He

in action at Rivers Bridges, S. C., and Major-General for services during the war. He was mustered out of service in 1867.

Gen. Swayne became Commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau in Alabama, where he commanded the United States forces and was intrusted with the administration of the Reconstruction acts of Congress. He organized an extensive system of free schools for colored children, and he established high schools at Montgomery, Selma and Mobile, and a college at Talladega.

He retired from this work in 1870 and resumed law practice in Toledo, Ohio, where he remained until 1880 when he came to he remained until 1880 when he came to this city. He was counsel here for the Western Union Telegraph Company, the Wabash Railroad and other corporations.

At the close of the municipal campaign of 1897 Gen. Swayne took an active part in the organization of the Republicans of the County of New York, an anti-Platt association which was laurable by a consistent of the county of New York, an anti-Platt association which was laurable by a consistent of the county of New York, and anti-Platt association which was laurable by a consistent of the county of the coun tion, which was launched by a committee of fifty-three members. Two factions de-veloped in the organization, one supporting William Brookfield and the other J. Bayard Backus for chairman of the County Committee of the organization. Gen. Swayne was the Brookfield candidate for chairman, was the Brookfield candidate for chairman, and he defeated Mr. Backus. Gen. Swayne as a presiding officer allowed no obstructionist tactics, and, using his crutch as a gavel, he repressed the minority in summary fashion. Robert C. Morris was a law partner of Gen. Swayne when Mr. Morris was elected president of the regular Republican County Committee last year, but the partnership had been dissolved since then. nership had been dissolved since then. Gen. Swayne's organization has been prac-tically inactive for two years, although at present it is working in favor of a direct

present it is working in favor of a direct nominations law.

Gen. Swayne married Ellen Harris of Louisville, Ky. She and three sons and two daughters survive him. He was a member of the Bar Association, the Lawyers', Union League, Meadow Brook and Church clubs, the Loyal Legion and the Yale Alumni Association and was former president of the Ohio Society.

He was prominent in church work, a vestryman in St. George's Church and president of the American Church Missionary Society. The funeral will be at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday at 3 P. M. and in accordance with Gen. Swayne's wish, he will be buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington on Monday.

#### ALFRED BOUVIER DEAD. Manager of Theatrical Ventures in S. Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.-Alfred Bouvier. theatrical manager and associate of Al Hayman for years, died to-day of Bright's disease. Bouvier came here fifteen years ago from St. Louis and took charge of the Baldwin Theatre under Charles Frohman.

Miss Louise Brisbin Dunn, tutor in the department of botany at Barnard College, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart disease. Miss Dunn took her baccalsureate degree at Barnard in 1897 and two years later received the degree of master of arts at Columbia. She became a tutor at Barnard in 1890.

in 1900.

Dr. Alexander Denby of 147 Sumner avenue, Brooklyn, died yesterday a St. John's Hospital after an operation for appendicitis superinduced by typhoid fever. He was 24 and ten months ago was married Miss May Lautman of a prominent Brook

C. P. Griffin, who served five terms in the Chio Legislature, from 1879 to 1883, and also was general manager of the National Life Insurance Company in Chicago and New York, died yesterday in Toledo. Henry Godwin, Post, a grandson of Gen. Abram Godwin, who was one of Washing-ton's aides-de-camp, died last night in his residence at 25 Park street, Orange, N. J. He was 77 years old.

was 77 years old.

The Rev. Edward M. Byrne, rector of St.
Joseph's Catholic Church at Millbrook,
Dutchess county, died yesterday.

### DINNER TO CHIEF CROKER. Citizens' Committee of the Chiefs' Conven tion His Hosts.

The citizens' committee which had charge of the Fire Chiefs' Convention last September gave a dinner on Wednesday even-ing at the Murray Hill Hotel in honor of Chief Edward F. Croker, as the president of the International Association of Fire Engineers. Thomas E. Crimmins presided. A silver loving cup valued at \$500 was presented to the chief.

### Church Sees Mrs. Fiske Act.

The church and the stage rubbed elbows resterday afternoon at the Manhattan yesterday afternoon at the Mannattan Theatre, where Mrs. Fiske gave a special matine performance for the benefit of the Actors' Church Alliance. When "Mary of Magdala" was first produced the aliance indorsed the play. Mrs. Fiske returned the compliment yesterday by adding to the treasury of the alliance more than \$1,000.

Steel Trust to Put Up a New Bessemer Plant. SHARON, Pa., Dec. 19.-It was said here o-day that the United States Steel Corporation, which has acquired the Union and Sharon steel companies, will erect a bessemer steel plant here in place of the \$5,000,000 steel rail mill which was pro-jected by the Union company.

### The Weather.

The dominating feature of the weather yester day was the area of high pressure which covered all the country, except the extreme Northeast and the southern Pacific Coast. Such a condition means a continuance of warmer and generally fair weather over the greater part of the country for the next two or three days, especially in this section. Fair weather prevailed everywhere yes-terday, save for light snow flurries around the lower Lake Regions and rain in southern California and northwest Texas. It was warmer almos

In this city yesterday it was fair and warmer after the early morning; highest temperature 42; average humidity 62 per cent.; barometer, cor-rected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.81; 3 P. M.,

The temperature yesterday as recorded by the official thermometer, and also by THE SUN'S thermometer at the street level, is shown in the an-

# For Eastern Ne w York, New Jersey and Eastern

Pennsulvania fair, to-morrow; fresh to-day and west to north west winds becoming variable. For New England, fair to-day, colder in eastern Maine: fresh west winds: fair to morrow For the District of Columbia: Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, fair to day and to-morrow: variable winds.

For Western New York, fair to day and to-mor row; fresh west winds becoming variable.

MUSIC OF A GOLDEN AGE.

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY GIVES ITS FIRST CONCERT.

ompositions by the Great Masters of the Period of Vocal Counterpoint -Bach's Cantata "A Stronghold Sure"

it Carnegie fiall. Founded upon an appreciation of the purest choral music, that of the mediæval Church, and nurtured by a devotion whose hope has been beautifully and generously blessed, this organization early assumed a proud position in the musical life of New York. Its mission was from its inception comprehended by the inner circle of musical amateurs, and its labors have been attended by a prosperity which is one of the most satisfying evidences of the taste of the metropolis.

Last night Carnegie Hall was literally surrounded by carriages and filled by a gentle and cultivated assembly. The stage was prettily decked with holiday greens and the women of the choir appeared in evening gowns of delicate tints and fashions only to be described by a high priestess of the mysteries of Paquin. Away aloft in the eyrie of the topmost gallery was a chorus from the People's Choral Union ready to take its part in certain numbers of the list The programme was made according t he well-tried plan of the conductor. Frank

capella compositions by masters of the

period in which vocal counterpoint reached its glory. There relief was afforded by the performance of a number with orchestral accompaniment, after which modern writers of part songs | rought the concert to a close The old masters were represented last night by Sweelinck's six-voiced motet. "Or sus, serviteur du Seigneur," built or the theme now known to us as "Old Hundred;" Eccard's six-voiced motet, "Presentation of Christ in the Temple;" fifteenth-century hymn, "Alla Trinita Beata;" a wondrous beautiful "Gloria Patri," by Palestrina: Vittoria's chant for two choirs Pange Lingua Gloriosi," and a Benedictus for triple chorus and Jubilate for double chorus by Giovanni Gabrieli.

The central number with orchestra was Sebastian Bach's great Reformation cantata, "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," built on Luther's celebrated hymn which Heinrich Heine so happily christened "the Mar seillaise of the Reformation," and which sellaise of the Reformation," and which we are to hear on Monday night decked with the furbelows of Meyerbeer and roared by the bull-necked Marcel through the operatic story of the massacre of St. Bartholomew.

Then followed George Henschel's sixvoiced song, "To Music," Brahms's festival and commenorative sentences for double chorus (eight voices), called in German

and commenorative sentences for double chorus (eight voices), called in German "Fest und Gedenksprüche," and "Charm Me Asleep," a six-voiced madrigal, by Henry David Lesile, an English composer, who died in 1896. It was one of the most beautiful programmes that Mr. Damrosch has ever made, and this is saying much. Furthermore, it is less easy to make good programmes for the Musical Art Society now than it was six or eight years ago. now than it was six or eight years ago, when so much of the available material had not been used. The performance had all the merits familiar at these concerts. There is a polished elegance about all the work of the Musical Art Society's choir. In balance

the Musical Art Society's choir. In balance of tone it is most admirable, and its phrasing and enunciation are those of trained singers carefully rehearsed by a competent and enthusiastic conductor. The quality of tone is perfect, for the sopranos are just a trifle thin and wiry in voice. But where there is so much beauty it may perhaps be overexacting to ask for perfection.

A pretty effect was made by singing "Old Hundred" before Sweelinck's version of the well-known hymn tune. The choir's of the well-known hymn tune. The choir's best performance was that of "Alla Trinita Beata," in which the dynamic gradations were admirably conceived and exquisitely executed. A most impressive effect was obtained in the Palestrina number by using the chorus in the gallery to sing the re-sponses with an echo tone. This performance so moved the audience that its repe mance so moved the audience that its repetion was compelled. Think of old Palestrina, savior of the polyphonic mass, father of modern Catholic music, chapel master of the Vatican and composer of the Sistine Chapel, dead in 1594, getting an encore from the well-groomed Gothamites of the twentieth century! Surely, genius does not die.

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Bach's cantata was marred by the poor singing of the soloists. None of them delivered themselves of the old cantor's subtle thoughts with fluency or purity of style. The massive figure of the opening chorus was excellently sung by the choir, but Mr. Dan rosch was certainly in too much haste with the choral, No. V. The instrumental prelude and postlude to this number were beautifully played. The People's Choral Union was not altogether happy in its share of Vittoria's music, but this is difficult. The concert on the whole was decidedly enjoyable, and it is always a privilege to hear these and it is always a privilege to hear these rarely exhibited jewels of a golden age

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